Accordingly, the matter has been referred to the Department of Legal Affairs.

Vacancies of Special Directors and Joint Directors in CEH

2453. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of posts of Special Directors and Joint Directors in CBI are lying vacant for the last many months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when these posts would be filled up; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to improve functioning of the premier investigating agency?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c)Two posts of Special Directors /Additional Directors and Seven posts of Joint Directors are lying vacant as on 5.8.2002. A meeting of the CBI Selection Board has been held on 26.7.2002 for taking IPS officers on deputaion whereas for filling the promotion posts of Joint Directors, meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee has been held on 2.8.2002.

(d) In order to improve the efficiency of the CBI and strengthening its-in-house-expertise 47 new posts have been sanctioned by the Government on 24.04.02 for the Special Crimes and Economic Offences Division. Resides, 26 Special Courts and 7 Magistrate level Courts have been sanctioned exclusively for CBI cases. A further 12 Special Judge Courts and 6 Magistrate level Courts have been identified.

Recommendations regarding additional pension

2454. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission has recommended for grant of additional pension at the rate of 0.5 per cent for each completed